

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A9661

Kehsing J. Chou, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/664,200

Group Art Unit: 2168

Confirmation No.: 3889

Examiner: Cheyne D. Ly

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For: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND SERVICE FOR MANAGING PERSISTENT FEDERATED FOLDERS WITHIN A FEDERATED CONTENT MANAGEMENT**

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Sir:

We, Kehsing J. Chou, Basuki N. Soetarman, Robert Nelson Summers, Mimi Phuong-Thao Vo, and Alan Tsu-I Yaung, do hereby declare and state as follows:

THAT we are the co-inventors of the above-identified application (U.S. Application No. 10/664, 200);

THAT we are employed by IBM Corporation;

THAT we have reviewed the Office Action of April 5, 2007 in the above identified application and the rejections contained therein, including the rejection of claims 1-28, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0026443; hereinafter "Chang") in view of "Messages and Codes, Version 8, Release 2" IBM Corporation (March 2003) (hereinafter "Messages and Codes").

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THAT we are responsible for the disclosure in the Messages and Codes publication being relied on by the Examiner in the above-noted rejection; and

THAT the Federated Folder Section disclosed on page viii of the Messages and Codes publication cited by the Examiner on page 5 of the April 5, 2007 Office Action was invented by us.

Thus, the disclosure in the Messages and Codes publication being relied on by the Examiner was not published "by others" since the instant application and the Messages and Codes publication have the same inventive entities.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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